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Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. As this application was filed subsequent to June 30, 2003, only non-US references are included.

The applicant is aware that the two approaches to rendering a "synthetic bold" font described below were known and/or in public use prior to the filing date of the present patent application.

The first approach manipulates a bitmap of a glyph. In the simplest case, the glyph is rendered two or more times with a translation of the origin. For example, draw a text string, then move the origin right by one pixel and draw it again. One PostScript driver used an algorithm where synthetic bold text is rendered four times, using one pixel offsets in each of x and y directions. This technique is sometimes called "smear bold", because it is as if each pixel is smeared in the offset direction. The magnitude of the offset(s) determines the amount of emboldening, which can scale with the size of the font. The offset amounts in x and y do not need to be equal. Some algorithms smear only in the x direction, while others smear in both x and y, but by different amounts.

The second approach manipulates an outline of a glyph. Scalable fonts are represented by an outline, which is a collection of graphics paths. Normally, a glyph is rendered to a bitmap by using a "fill" operation on the outline; pixels inside a path are marked while those outside a path are untouched. It is also possible to "stroke" an outline. This may be used for artistic effect or to create an "outline" style of font. If the fill and stroke colors are the same, a combination of fill

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and stroke results in an emboldened glyph. The amount of emboldening depends on the width of the stroke. Stroking is limited to darkening amounts of an integer number of high resolution pixels.

Some PostScript drivers use stroked text for synthetic bold. In the Portable Document Format (PDF) specification, one of the text rendering modes is "Fill, then stroke text." The intention is that the two operations are as closely matched as possible. In some systems, the fill and stroke operations may be performed by different subsystems. For example, the fill can be performed by a type rasterizer to produce a bitmap. The stroke can be performed by a graphics rasterizer and superimposed on the glyph bitmap. Even if the same hinted outline is used for both, the match may not be perfect.

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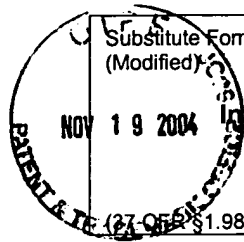
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